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NASSAU COUNTY LEGISLATURE

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
FULL LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

NORMA GONSALVES,
Presiding Officer

1550 Franklin Avenue
Mineola, New York

Monday, June 1, 2015
6:11 P.M.

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2 A P P E A R A N C E S:3 NORMA GONSALVES,
4 Presiding Officer5 RICHARD NICOLELLO,
6 Deputy Presiding Officer7 HOWARD KOPEL,
8 Alternate Deputy Presiding Officer

9 STEVEN RHOADS

10 DENISE FORD

11 LAURA CURRAN (Not Present)

12 FRANCIS X. BECKER (Not Present)

13 VINCENT MUSCARELLA

14 ELLEN BIRNBAUM

15 LAURA SCHAEFER

16 DONALD MACKENZIE

17 KEVAN ABRAHAM, (Not Present)
18 Minority Leader

19 ROSE MARIE WALKER

20 DENNIS DUNNE

21 JUDITH JACOBS

22 JAMES KENNEDY

23 DELIA DERIGGI-WHITTON

24 CARRIE SOLAGES (Not Present)

25 SIELA BYNOE

26 WILLIAM J. MULLER, III
27 Clerk of the Legislature

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LIST OF SPEAKERS

ROSEANN D'ALLEVA,
Office of Management and Budget.....7

MAURICE CHALMERS,
Office of Management and Budget.....11

1 Full Legislature/6-1-15

2 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Please,
3 Mr. Muller, call the roll.

4 CLERK MULLER: Deputy Presiding
5 Officer Nicoletto?

6 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Here.

7 CLERK MULLER: Alternate Deputy
8 Presiding Officer Kopel?

9 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Here.

10 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Bynoe?

11 LEGISLATOR BYNOE: Here.

12 CLERK MULLER: Legislator

13 Solages?

14 (No verbal response.)

15 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Ford?

16 LEGISLATOR FORD: Here.

17 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Curran?

18 (No verbal response.)

19 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Becker?

20 (No verbal response.)

21 CLERK MULLER: Legislator

22 Muscarella?

23 LEGISLATOR MUSCARELLA: Here.

24 CLERK MULLER: Legislator

25 Birnbaum?

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2 LEGISLATOR BIRNBAUM: Here.
3 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
4 DeRiggi-Whitton?
5 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
6 Here.
7 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
8 Kennedy?
9 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Here.
10 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
11 Schaefer?
12 LEGISLATOR SCHAEFER: Here.
13 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Dunne?
14 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: Here.
15 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Jacobs?
16 LEGISLATOR JACOBS: Here.
17 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Walker?
18 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Here.
19 CLERK MULLER: Legislator
20 MacKenzie?
21 LEGISLATOR MACKENZIE: Here.
22 CLERK MULLER: Legislator Rhoads?
23 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: Here.
24 CLERK MULLER: Minority Leader
25 Abrahams?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 CLERK MULLER: Presiding Officer
4 Gonsalves?

5 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Present.

6 CLERK MULLER: We have a quorum.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We only
8 have one item, Ordinance Number 62, an
9 ordinance providing for a capital
10 expenditure to finance the payment of
11 certain payments by the County of Nassau to
12 county employees upon separation from
13 employment authorizing \$25,500,000 of bonds
14 of the County of Nassau to finance said
15 expenditure and making certain
16 determinations pursuant to State
17 Environmental Quality Review Act, pursuant
18 to the local Finance Law of New York and the
19 County Government Law of Nassau County.

20 Motion, please.

21 LEGISLATOR DUNNE: So moved.

22 LEGISLATOR WALKER: Second.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
24 Legislator Dunne, seconded by Legislator
25 Walker.

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2 CLERK MULLER: And that's just to
3 establish the emergency?

4 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Yes. All
5 those in favor of establishing the emergency
6 signify by saying aye.

7 (Aye.)

8 Any opposed?

9 (No verbal response.)

10 The emergency is now established.
11 I'm not going to read the article again, and
12 I'm just simply going to say, now for the
13 Ordinance Number 62.

14 LEGISLATOR WALKER: So moved.

15 LEGISLATOR KOPEL: Second.

16 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by
17 Legislator Walker, seconded by Legislator
18 Kopel. Roseann, is that you?

19 MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes. Roseann
20 D'Alleva from the Office of Management and
21 Budget. This item is to fund, it's a bond
22 ordinance for termination costs.

23 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Any
24 questions of Ms. D'Alleva?

25 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Just

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2 how much are we bonding for?

3 MS. D'ALLEVA: It's \$25 million
4 plus the cost of issuance at two percent,
5 estimated to be two percent.

6 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Roseann, I
7 have \$25,500,000.

8 MS. D'ALLEVA: Yes. The \$500,000
9 is the cost of issuance.

10 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: What is
11 the purpose of this?

12 MS. D'ALLEVA: To fund
13 termination expenditures.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: This is to
15 cover the immediate cost of that
16 termination?

17 MS. D'ALLEVA: I mean, currently
18 we have \$18 million that has already been
19 expended, and we anticipate at least an
20 additional four more.

21 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: And what
22 happens when we see by September and October
23 that there are others that are willing to
24 separate?

25 MS. D'ALLEVA: We are estimating

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2 that because the police terminations are so
3 high currently, that we are at least going
4 to double what's already out the door
5 currently. So we will probably be coming
6 back to this body for additional bond
7 ordinances.

8 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: I just
9 want you to hear that, guys. That's why I
10 brought this up because, at the last
11 session, we had -- we didn't call it, the
12 \$35 million, which was going to be able to
13 cover any additional terminations, but that
14 didn't fly and so we have 25 million today.
15 Now DeRiggi-Whitton, what do you have to
16 say?

17 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: Well,
18 we don't know that. You don't want to say
19 it's only going to be \$10 million. It might
20 be more.

21 MS. D'ALLEVA: It's a projection.

22 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
23 Right. But we don't know exactly what the
24 projections are should you come back.

25 I just wanted to ask you going

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2 back to the last time you came up. There
3 are still other additional funds that are
4 pending FEMA approval, or is that all
5 finished, the \$8 million, I believe -- I
6 mean, NIFA?

7 MS. D'ALLEVA: Like I said, we
8 have already expended well over \$20 million
9 at this point. So the eight and a half
10 million dollars, we will seek for NIFA to
11 approve the eight and a half million
12 dollars.

13 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
14 That's on top of this 25, correct?

15 MS. D'ALLEVA: But we already
16 have 20 out the door. So the eight and a
17 half will help to cover what's already been
18 expended.

19 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So,
20 right now today, we should have like 12.5
21 ready to go for the next round, right?

22 MS. D'ALLEVA: An additional bond
23 ordinance?

24 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON:
25 Well, let's say we have eight that has to be

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2 approved by NIFA, and we are using about 20
3 out of this 25, right, so that leaves five,
4 and eight plus five is 13. So we have about
5 \$13 million.

6 MS. D'ALLEVA: At least.

7 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: So
8 we have \$13 million in the bank pretty much.

9 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: We already
10 spent money.

11 LEGISLATOR DERIGGI-WHITTON: In
12 addition to what has already been spent,
13 right now, we should be ready for the next
14 13.5 million that's coming at us, and if
15 it's more then we will have to consider it,
16 but at least we're in pretty good shape I
17 think with this amount of bonding. I'm
18 happy that we lowered it from 35 to 25.

19 MS. D'ALLEVA: We will come back.

20 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Please,
21 Mr. Chalmers.

22 MR. CHALMERS: Maurice Chalmers,
23 Budget Review.

24 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: What can
25 we anticipate, right now we have the 25

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2 million?

3 MR. CHALMERS: Right now we have
4 the \$25 million. The \$25 million will
5 probably cover the next 100 people to leave.
6 18 million already has been expenses.
7 That's 18 million that's out the door.

8 So what the administration hopes
9 to do is use \$8.2 million that they have 8.5
10 million that they have in previously
11 authorized bonds to kind of offset the 18.
12 But the 18 is gone. It's money out the
13 door.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Legislator
15 Nicolello has a question for you.

16 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: Of that
17 18, how does it break down, how much came
18 out of operating cash?

19 MR. CHALMERS: The entire 18
20 right now is in operating. So what
21 administration hopes to do is get the 8.2
22 since it was already authorized to offset
23 the 18, but the 18 is sitting in operating
24 right now.

25 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: So they

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2 think they can recapture 8.2 out of the
3 borrowed money, 8.5, but that leaves how
4 much that has been spent of operating that
5 cannot be captured?

6 MR. CHALMERS: That's about 9 and
7 change, almost 10 million.

8 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: That was
9 not budgeted?

10 MR. CHALMERS: No.

11 LEGISLATOR NICOLELLO: We have
12 some work to do for the rest the year?

13 MR. CHALMERS: Yes.

14 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Okay. So
15 this is something to think about and I
16 believe that there may be some kind of a
17 commitment somewhere down the road, and I'm
18 dealing with now, but I also worry about
19 what happens when we run out of money.
20 Anybody else?

21 (No verbal response.)

22 I'm going to call the question.
23 All those in favor signify by saying aye.

24 (Aye.)

25 Any opposed?

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2 (No verbal response.)

3 The item passes unanimously,

4 whoever is here. Motion to adjourn.

5 LEGISLATOR RHOADS: So moved.

6 LEGISLATOR KENNEDY: Second.

7 CHAIRWOMAN GONSALVES: Moved by

8 Legislator Rhoads, seconded by Legislator

9 Kennedy. All those in favor signify by
10 saying aye.

11 (Aye.)

12 Any opposed?

13 (No verbal response.)

14 We are adjourned.

15 (Whereupon, the Special Meeting
16 of the Full Legislature Committee adjourned
17 at 6:20 p.m.)

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